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In New York, prices were unchanged on the larger sizes and slightly higher on mediums. Other reported regional prices increased from the previous period. The trade sentiment was mixed with the Midwest reporting steady to barely steady on larger sizes. The Eastern region noted a steady market on larger sizes and steady to firm on mediums. Retail demand ranged from light to fairly good. Food service demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available on the larger sizes and closely balanced on mediums. Breaking stock, check and undergrade prices ranged higher. Offerings were inadequate to tight. Demand remains good to very good. Breaking schedules were full time. The trade sentiment was firm. In the north central region, spent hen prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to at times good. Offerings were barely adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, PRICES DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for medium and small. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand ranged from light to instances fairly good, usually light to moderate. Loose egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to instances tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were inadequate to very tight for the good to excellent demand. Floor stocks tight to at times adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-153	147-150
LARGE	143-152	145-148
MEDIUM	128-137	130-133

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Interest remains fairly active on mediums with supplies often being in close balances to short. Demand was fair on large and fair to occasionally good on extra large, and good on mediums. Supplies were reported as usually sufficient on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on heavier weights and fully steady to mostly firm on mediums. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were irregular, but still limited for a moderately good demand. Light type hens offerings were barely adequate to adequate for seasonal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-167	153-156
LARGE	145-159	150-154
MEDIUM	129-142	134-136

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

November 23, 2007

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	151.50	149.50	133.00
SOUTHEAST	153.50	151.50	133.00
MIDWEST	145.50	143.50	129.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	154.50	152.50	135.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	151.37	149.37	132.88

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN Prices paid to producers for loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen

	11-27-07	11-20-07	11-28-06
Large	125-134	122-131	71-80
Medium	113-117	110-114	49-55

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOV 26, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	18.4	6.4	9.5	11.1	53.6
	Change	0.8	-2.4	1.2	0.4	0.6	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	32.3	12.4	21.2	33.5	120.3
	Change	-0.2	-6.7	2.5	1.9	-2.2	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	32.0	111.2	72.7	84.1	114.5	414.5
	Change	-1.2	20.5	4.6	7.4	4.4	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	35.4	17.8	18.0	32.4	115.5
	Change	3.6	1.8	1.0	2.1	-1.7	6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	4.5	0.6	2.6	6.2	16.0
	Change	-0.4	-1.0	-0.1	1.1	1.3	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	22.1	11.0	14.1	9.0	59.1
	Change	0.2	1.0	0.0	4.0	2.7	15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.7	49.1	23.9	15.1	26.9	131.7
	Change	1.9	10.0	8.3	3.2	3.4	26%
Total	Curr Wk	94.7	273.0	144.8	164.6	233.6	910.7
Percent	Change	5%	9%	14%	14%	4%	9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	910.7	9%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	192.0	15%	33
Total Shell Egg	1102.7	10%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast	- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central	- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central	- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic	- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific	- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-NOV-2007

(Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)						
Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid			
Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW 1,120,760	30,537	8,677	4,927	2,004	3,798	
PW 1,216,347	30,987	10,660	5,582	2,155	4,189	
LY 1,167,822	30,759	9,830	5,235	1,947	3,813	
% Chg PWK -8%	-1%	-19%	-12%	-7%	-9%	
% Chg LY -4%	-1%	-12%	-6%	3%	0%	
2007 59,758,081	1,495,099	542,471	291,017	116,923	203,192	
2006 60,659,662	1,504,240	558,303	295,379	128,090	203,920	
% Chg YTD -1%	-1%	-3%	-1%	-9%	0%	

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.77	42.27	42.50
(Inedible Excluded)	39.38	38.83	39.24

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	604,787	54.0%	17,757	58.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	592,076	48.7%	17,187	55.5%
LAST YEAR	627,350	56.0%	17,753	58.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	NOV 17	NOV 24	NOV 17	NOV 24
Thousand				
AL	*31,935	32,263	*19,219	19,136
AR	28,849	28,940	*20,800	21,279
DE	4,155	4,161	4,910	4,773
FL	1,361	1,362	1,126	1,354
GA	*35,774	36,119	*27,118	27,456
KY	7,672	7,594	5,751	4,795
LA	3,924	3,924	3,876	3,726
MD	7,999	8,715	5,379	6,359
MS	17,851	18,478	*15,844	16,158
NC	*19,441	19,748	*15,433	16,345
OK	*6,656	6,633	5,070	5,350
PA	4,235	4,232	3,011	3,153
SC	5,218	5,610	4,618	4,316
TX	14,439	15,258	11,429	12,693
VA	6,372	6,372	4,824	4,836
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,849	19,623	*16,205	17,099
19 State Total	*215,730	219,032	*164,613	168,828
Previous Year Total	211,187	211,184	156,497	162,192
Pct. of Prev. Total	102	104	105	104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Jan-08 is estimated at 154.0 million head. This compares to 153.5 million head the previous week and to 150.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 135.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.06 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/22/07 - 11/28/07

CURRENT LDS 60.50			FUTURE LDS 40.00		TOTAL LDS 100.50		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	129.83	141.67	130.83	133.50	--	135.00	28.00
GNR BR 1	--	141.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	120.94	--	4.25
GL W XL	--	142.09	141.25	144.59	131.26	137.00	18.25
GL W LG	--	140.77	--	136.83	126.14	148.00	38.50
GL W MD	126.00	128.60	125.13	126.29	123.33	106.00	30.25
GL W SM	78.00	81.00	77.50	80.33	75.00	75.50	4.25
GL BR XL	--	155.33	147.50	--	--	--	1.50
GL BR LG	--	155.00	147.50	--	--	--	3.75
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	101.67	10.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-NOV-07

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	34.6	32.7	6	-8
Boston	3.3	3.2	3	-3
Chicago	82.1	83.1	-1	-4
Detroit	12.2	12.2	0	14
Los Angeles	109.1	107.8	1	1
New Orleans	6.0	5.7	5	18
New York	32.1	27.5	17	8
St. Louis	14.9	14.8	1	-48
San Francisco	14.5	14.1	3	-27
Total	308.8	301.1	3	-6
4 Week Moving Avg.	285.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-NOV-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	965	1,745	16	8	2,734
Avg Wt	15.29	38.84	27.40	29.60	30.43
Last week	2,121	2,763	58	2	4,944
Same wk yr ago	992	1,686	25	1	2,704
Avg Wt	15.12	39.00	24.46	64.71	30.11
To-date/2007	93,728	124,573	1,131	243	219,675
To-date/2006	92,431	121,211	1,282	204	215,128

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 24-NOV-07

(Preliminary)						
---Young turkeys---				Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Banded		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-	Live wt
North East	461	-50	24.84	(A)	463	24.84
South Atlantic	426	-42	33.15	(A)	428	33.15
North Central	1,415	-34	33.95	(A)	1,417	33.95
South Central	258	-65	18.26	(A)	259	18.26
West	166	-61	28.03	(A)	167	28.03
U.S. total	2,726 (B)	-45	30.43	8	2,734	30.43
To-date						
2007	219,432 (B)			243	219,675	
To-date						
2006	214,924 (B)			204	215,128	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date 1,131,000; for last year to date 1,282,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 24-NOV-2007	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	129,511	575	978	1,553	321
Avg Wt	5.64	3.41	7.99	6.29	6.80
Last week	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836	528
Same wk yr ago	120,513	560	921	1,481	396
Avg Wt	5.44	3.33	8.07	6.28	6.65
To-date/2007	7,597,914	51,434	68,796	120,230	23,242
To-date/2006	7,569,884	50,451	69,818	120,269	23,406

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 131.1 million head, or 30.3 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-DEC-07

	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/01/07 (1)	11/24/07
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	170,383 (2)	133,255
Light hens	1,087	631
Heavy hens	1,438	952
Total	172,908	134,838

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Dec-07 is 161.8 million head compared to 166.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.7 million head or 8.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-Dec-07 the estimated available is 162.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
Oct 20	171.7	166.7	103%	5.65
27	169.6	166.3	102%	5.67
Nov 3	171.0	166.2	103%	5.56
10	172.0	164.0	105%	5.61
17	169.4	160.5	106%	5.51
24	131.1	161.4	81%	5.64
Year to date		7690.0	7757.7	99%
Dec 1		161.8		
8		162.1		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 26-NOV-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.25	31	64.88	62	
Los Angeles	85.00	83.04	56	78.13	138	
New York	67.00-70.00	68.38	24	68.41	43	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
26-NOV-2007	19-NOV-2007	19-NOV-2007	27-NOV-2006
72.13	-1.00	73.13	66.31
NUMBER OF LOADS	495		

MONTHLY	WTD AVG	LOADS
November	71.74	2,176.80

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT			WTD	LBS
SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	88-92	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	88-92	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	90-92	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	88-92	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	88-92	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	90-92	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 11/26/07	3,122	35,762	88,100
AM 11/01/07	3,178	76,105	81,947
CHG	-56	-40343	6153
PCT CHG	-2%	-53%	8%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-NOV-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7-12.25 CENTS/LB.		9.38
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.17

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE - REMOVAL COSTS

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 23-NOV-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	5-7
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 24-NOV-2007	Cases	% Change From
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW LY
North Atlantic	180.9	3 -1
East North Central	639.9	-4 2
West North Central	283.4	-6 2
South Atlantic	194.7	3 -4
South Central	57.5	-11 -13
West	195.0	0 1
Total	1551.4	-3 0

Matched plants reporting 81 81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

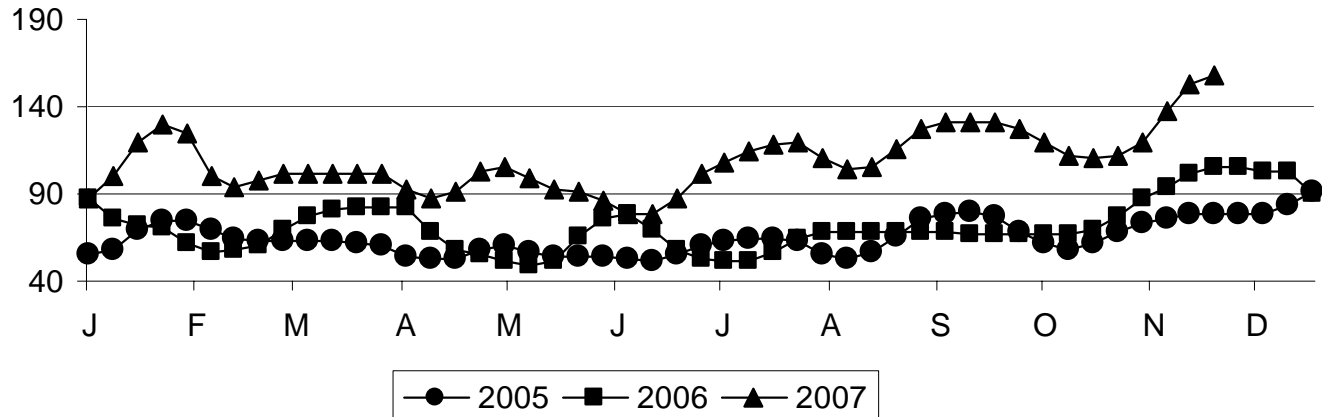
West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

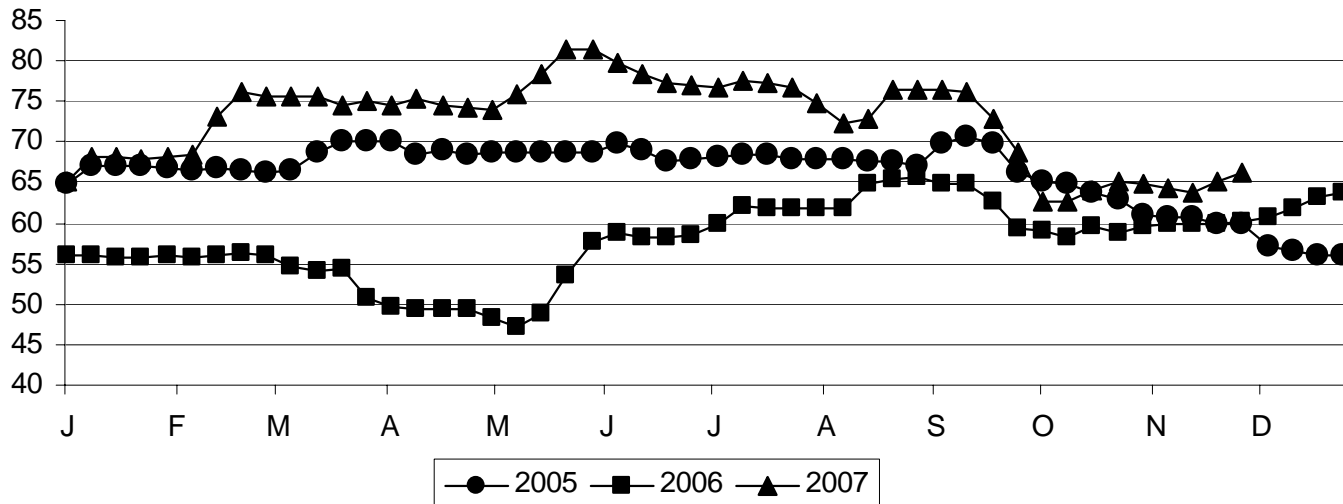
South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

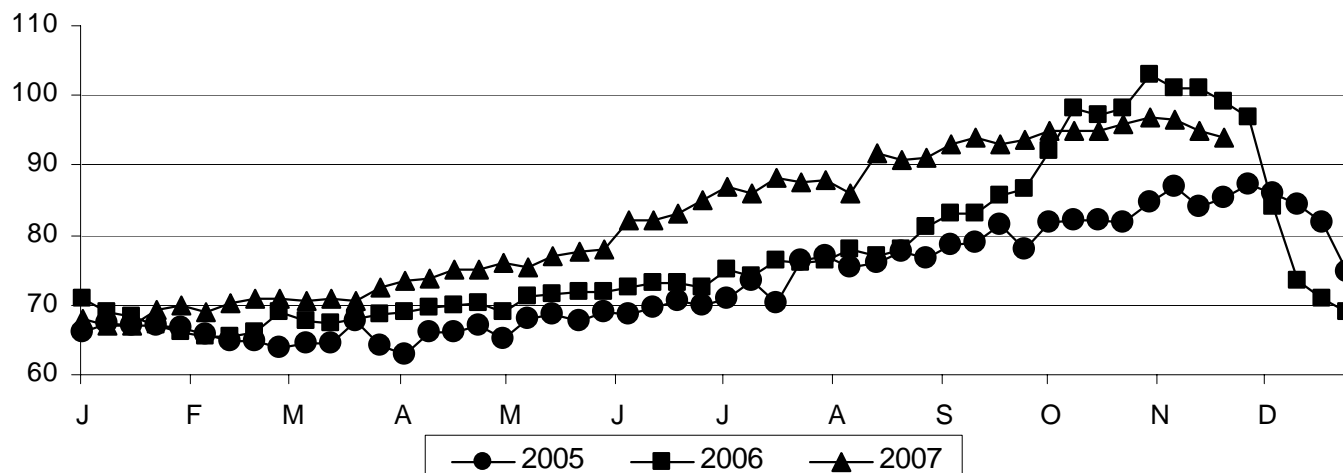
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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